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Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI
for Compartmentation

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FROM:

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Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Single Non-Disclosure Agreement

1. This responds to your memorandum dated 27 March 1980 asking for views on recording compartmented accesses granted individuals after they had signed APEX Non-Disclosure Agreements.

2. Discussions leading to the Final Report covered this issue. The consensus was that signature of access forms would not be necessary after execution of non-disclosure agreements. A corollary consensus was that SIOs, as part of their responsibility for certifying needs for access, would be responsible for seeing that access changes were appropriately recorded. Implicit in this was recognition that SIOs could require signature on access forms within their own departments as an exercise of their administrative authority. A sub-set of this consensus was that access to development projects within departments (e.g., numbered [REDACTED]) would be recorded outside the APEX system by project managers using whatever administrative procedures they wished. When and if the project became a Community effort, it would come under APEX and have to conform to APEX rules for non-disclosure agreements and access records.

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3. From a security administrative point of view, it does not seem necessary for the system to require subjects to sign forms acknowledging more or different accesses after the initial ones which triggered signature on APEX Non-Disclosure Agreements. However, in view of the strongly held views of some departments and agencies on this issue, we would have no objection to the APEX system specifying use of a short written record such as described in paragraph 4 of your memorandum. If this approach is taken, we suggest that the form prescribed be made exclusive, so as to avoid the possibility of SIOs requiring signatures on access forms which are themselves essentially the same as non-disclosure agreements.

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